

LB588

SENATOR BARNETT: OK, then that gives me direction on how to vote. I thought that this was the only chance that they had for a salary increase.

SENATOR MARVEL: Excuse me, if I may say one thing. This allows, as I understand Senator Marsh's comment, if you bring it back, and save 588 without that 1% merit what this does is to allow the employees to get their pay in a lump sum the first of July instead of waiting until their anniversary which may be the first of the following June. That is the benefit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. As one who is shaky in the legs and weak in the spine on this bill to start with, it may be that we bring it back and take off this merit pay, that maybe the bill will have a little strength. Frankly, I don't think that merit pay ever worked in the schools, if it has, I'd like to see where. I'd like to see where it worked in state government. I would support the motion to bring it back. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to close Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: The one comment that I would like to make is that the bill in its current form, even if we had the power to override a veto does not have the emergency clause. We need LB588 in a form with the Emergency Clause. Therefore I support asking for the return of 588.

PRESIDENT: Question isthe motion of Senator Shirely Marsh to request that the Governor return LB588. REcord your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The Clerk will be so instructed. At this time the Chair will appoint Senator Dworak, Mills, and Senator Koch to escort the Governor into the Chamber.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner asked to be excused until he arrives this afternoon.

PRESIDENT: We will be at ease until the escort committee returns to the Chamber.